

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/634,196

Applicant(s)

PEDERSEN ET AL.

Examiner

Gregory R. Del Cotto

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE filed 7/13/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 28, 29, 32, 33 renumbered 1-8.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 11/7/03
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 9/28/07.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

GREGORY DELCOTTO
PRIMARY EXAMINER



EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 7/13/07 has been entered.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark Skoog on September 28, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

The Claims:

In claim 1, line 14, delete "mixture" and insert – mixtures --.

In claim 1, line 17, delete "carrier; and optionally amphoteric surfactant, nonionic surfactant, solvent, sequestrant, acidulant, adjuvant, or mixture thereof; the adjuvant being thickener, pigment, dye, or mixture thereof;" and insert – and water; --.

In claim 2, line 2, delete "comprises" and insert – is --.

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In claim 3, line 2, delete "comprises" and insert – is selected from the group consisting of --.

In claim 4, line 2, delete "comprises" and insert – is --.

In claim 28, line 9, delete "about 1" and insert – about 2 --.

In claim 28, line 9, after "about 40;" delete "and acidulant;"

In claim 28, line 13, delete "carrier; and optionally amphoteric surfactant, nonionic surfactant, solvent, sequestrant, acidulant, adjuvant, or mixture thereof; the adjuvant being thickener, pigment, dye, or mixture thereof;" and insert – and water; --.

In claim 29, line 8, delete "about 1" and insert – about 2 --.

In claim 29, line 12, delete "carrier; and optionally amphoteric surfactant, nonionic surfactant, solvent, sequestrant, acidulant, adjuvant, or mixture thereof; the adjuvant being thickener, pigment, dye, or mixture thereof;" and insert – and water; --.

In claim 33, line 2, delete "comprises" and insert – is --.

Cancel claims 13, 14, 16, 18-23, 25-27, and 37.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Note that, Applicant's amendments, Applicant's arguments, and the Examiner's Amendment are sufficient to place the instant claims in condition for allowance.

Of the references of record, the most pertinent is Smith et al (US 6,617,303). Smith et al teach anionic surfactant compositions containing alkoxyated amines and having enhanced detergent performance. The compositions may be formulated with anionic surfactants such as alkylbenzene sulfonates having cations that may be

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exchanged with, for example, ethoxylated amine and/or ethoxylated ether amine to form a salt. However, the instant claims recite "consisting of" which would exclude the presence of anionic surfactants as required in the compositions as taught by Smith et al.

None of the references or record, alone or in combination, teach or suggest a composition consisting of a fatty acid antimicrobial agent, an alkoxylated amine, and water in the specific amounts as recited by the instant claims. Accordingly, since the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest such a composition as recited by the instant claims, the instant claims are deemed allowable.


Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory R. Del Cotto whose telephone number is (571) 272-1312. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. thru Fri. from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Douglas McGinty can be reached on (571) 272-1029. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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